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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL REPLY TO JULY 4 MESSAGE

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT FORD TO PRESIDENT TOURE IN RESPONSE TO LATTER'S FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGE, DATED JULY 1. QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE, I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF OUR ANNI- VERSARY OF IMDEPENDENCE. SINCERELY, GERALD R. FORD. UNQUOTE

2. WHITE HOUSE DOES NOT PLAN TO RELEASE TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE BUT HAS NO OBJECTION TO RELEASE BY GOG.

3. FYI. DEPARTMENT RECEIVED MESSAGE BY LETTER FROM GUINEA EMBASSY DATED JULY 1. TEXT OF MESSAGE WAS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE. THE CELEBRATION OF THE 199TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF YOUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE AFFORDS US THE HAPPY OCCASION TO EXTEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY AND, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THROUGH YOU, TO THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

OUR FRIENDS, WARMEST AND MOST SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS FROM
THE GUINEAN PEOPLE AND THEIR STATE PARTY, AND ON OUR OWN
BEHALF. WE EXPRESS OUR SINCERE WISHES FOR THE STRENGTHEN-
ING OF THE TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND FRUITFUL COOPERATION THAT
SO HAPPILY EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO NATIONS. WE AVAIL OUR-

SELVES OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR WISHES FOR
YOUR EXCELLENCY'S PERSONAL HEALTH AND HAPPINESS. VERY
HIGH AND PROFOUND CONSIDERATION. UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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